

"I will not rush by a revelation of God's holiness."

I will not let it go in-one-ear and out-the-other;
I will meditate on it, allow God to speak to me through it,
allow myself to be challenged by it and

choose to change, according to what God is calling me to through it. Paula

Below is a copy of the message which Nate brought to us on Sunday. Paula transcribed it word-for-word so that we can review it again throughout the week. Prayerfully consider the word of the LORD.

God's Word through Nate

Sunday service 2-23-14

I got up this morning early, and I had stayed up late. We drove back yesterday, I was kind of tired and then we stayed up until 1:00 or 1:30 and I wanted to get up early because I just felt God stirring in me and I knew there was something that was going to happen this morning, just an excitement.

But when I got up, I didn't feel so excited, *haha!* The sun was just coming up and I got up in my living room and I put on a worship CD and kind of dragged myself out of bed and I wasn't very happy, I was grumpy, I was kind of miserable, just groggy and feeling . . . you guys know what I mean.

But I had this hope, and this expectation that God was going to meet with me, and as I sat there and began to worship, and I didn't feel much like worshipping, and I said "Come Holy Spirit".
I didn't say it very faith-filled, or excitedly or even hopefully.
I just said it out of, I don't know, maybe that's the right thing to say or the thing I should say,
I don't think I really believed it.

It suddenly occurred to me – the Holy Spirit is not a tired Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is not weary or worn-down or broken or foggy.
The Holy Spirit doesn't wake up in the morning worn out and kind of feeling burned-out about facing the day. It struck me – here I was – placing myself, starting the day, in the wrong spirit.
It struck me like a ton of bricks . . . how many days have I woke up and was willing to let this other spirit kind of rest on me, like a spirit of heaviness.
How many days, how many years have I woken up and allowed –
oh sure, I sit here along with you guys and say 'yea, I got the Holy Spirit in me – the Spirit of God –
the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation;
the Spirit that searches the deep things of God and reveals it to those who love Him'.

But when I got to the point of living there,

I get up in the morning and I enter into communion, or agreement, with a different spirit without even realizing it.

And I live my day through that and I wonder why my mind is full of judgments.

I wonder why my heart – you know these issues of my heart keep coming out, and just seem like they're not dealt with.

I wonder why, you know, I go through the day and struggle through it, and can't wait to go back to sleep and hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

And as I sat there mulling-over those things, I realize the Holy Spirit is none of those things that I felt.

None of those things!

None of those things!

Is He tired, is He weary, is He worn-down, is He tired of being on this earth?

Is He tired of living with you? Is He tired of being in you? Is He tired of advancing the kingdom of God?

Not only in your life, but the world around you.

You know, I look around and I see some empty chairs. And I think, man I know a lot of people who probably need a touch from God, and I thought to myself – you know, why don't I invite more people to church? Why don't I encourage my friends who I know need a touch from God to come to church and fill these chairs. And in the back of my mind I think – well you know they wouldn't like what they'd get.

And I realize in my own life, you know, I don't really like what I have.

Because I'd been communing with the wrong spirit.

I'd been living under a judgment that is not mine to live under.

And there is a Holy Spirit that I say I have, that I say I acknowledge and believe.

I started laughing when we stopped and got coffee on the way to church and half-way to church it just struck me like a ton-of-bricks and all of this came flooding back into my mind, and I still laugh about it, it's hilarious . .

I'm going to be 28 this year and I've been in church most of my life and I know all about church and Christianity and God and the Holy Spirit I've heard teaching my whole life. **Years** of teaching.

And here I am holding this cup of coffee and it's warm and it's hot, it's nice – you know it's got caffeine in it – it's gonna give me energy.

The thing that struck me is that

Many mornings

I have received a greater level of impartation from my cup of coffee than I have from the Holy Spirit!

That's a good word! ☺

And I laugh about it, but it's horrific!

I have received a greater level of impartation from my \$2 cup of coffee from Tim Hortons –
and some of you go to McDonalds – it’s \$1!
And I suppose if you go to Starbucks you can say ‘well at least I paid \$3.50 for it 😊
But – are you kidding me?
Think about that for a minute, and think about your own life – and it’s not so funny anymore!
And it got worse . . .

Here I have the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation . . .
half the New Testament talks about what we have available to us through that relationship with the Spirit of God.

And yet – where do I go for my wisdom and revelation?
At 9:00 at night, instead of communing with the Holy Spirit – I go onto ‘Google News’ or something.
I watch the news for my wisdom and revelation.
And I wonder why I wake up feeling foggy and groggy and tired and weary and hopeless.
And here I am 28 and I’ve lived my whole life like this!
And there’s time I’ve had breakthrough, there’s times I’ve walked in truth, there’s times I’ve gone after the Holy Spirit,
but the majority of my life I’ve spent spinning that wheel in the game of life, and taking what’s been handed to me,
and then handing-out judgments to other people based on my experience or my opinion or my feelings or my knowledge.

And how many of you know in your heart today – those of you who say you have the Holy Spirit –
that the Spirit of God is not testifying *with you* and saying that the judgments I’m pronouncing – are they true? Are they true in your life? And is there not a better way? Is there not a more excellent way?

Is there not a way to live your life where you come in communion daily with the Holy Spirit,
and out of that communion, not only are you changed,
but you begin to do what He did for you and is calling you to do –
and that’s to release other people in love!
I can quote 50 more scriptures that kind of line up with this,
all you have to do is open your bible and begin to read in the New Testament.

We went to one day of a conference when we were in NJ put on by Global Awakening. It was an awesome time of worship and just being with people who are hungry for God. I was *so* happy to come home, I was *so* excited to come back and see you guys, I *know* you guys are hungry, I know you guys are thirsty, I know you guys want more of God, I know

you guys want to see the release of God not only in your life but in the world around you. I know you want to be light, and salt.

The one scripture I came away with from the day we spent there at the conference was

“For this reason I remind you
to **kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you**
through the laying on of my hands
for God has not given us a spirit of timidity
(or tiredness or weariness or fogginess or heaviness or whatever else you’re feeling)
but of power, of love, and discipline *(some translations say -) a sound mind.*
2 Timothy 1:6

Does this resonate with you guys? I don’t think that we can begin to do anything in the arena of judgment . . .

I said last week – humble yourself before God and lay yourself before Him – but you know, that’s in your secret place. We spend a lot of our life not in the secret place.

We spend a lot of our life in that game. That’s where we live.

You know, we’re out - we go to work, we go to school, wherever we go.

And we need somebody to go with us and be there with us and to testify with us so that our judgments can be true, so that our judgments can be righteous.

And we have that someone. We have the Holy Spirit. We have the Spirit of Christ.

“Christ in me, the hope of Glory.”
Col. 1:27

The scripture that came to me this morning too –

“Evil men understand not judgment
but **they that seek the Lord** understand all things.”
Proverbs 28:5

Evil men understand not judgment. They don’t even understand they’re in judgment, they don’t even understand the judgment they’re under or they’re in.

But they, or we, that seek the Lord, understand all things.

And if we who are a people understand, *fully* understand that we serve a God *who is for us, who loves us, who took us out of death,* out of punishment, out of judgment and brought us into life – abundant life –

how could you ever look at anybody else the same way?

If that’s how God saw us.

If that’s His heart for people, if that’s His heart for us –

how can you look at people the same way?

How can you even begin to dare to allow your heart to speak-forth judgment that is not Godly,

that is not inspired by the Holy Spirit,
that is not lead of love.

So just like last week I encouraged you to get before God and humble yourself before Him and ask Him to begin to search your heart and mind and teach you about judgments. This week **I encourage you to ‘kindle afresh the gift of God, kindle afresh the Holy Spirit within you,** and allow Him to begin to speak to you this week about judgments, allow Him to begin to reveal the deep things of God, the heart of God towards other people.

In your own life. For your sake, sure. But for the sake of the world. For the sake of the world!!!

God has done *so much* for your sake, and He continues to and I’m delighted in that and I’m hopeful for more.

But **we need to be like Jesus** and no longer judge by human standards.

We need to be a people who are spiritual and spiritually appraises all things.

We need to be a people who see people like God sees them, who has mercy on them like God has mercy on us.

Who no longer bind people with our judgments but lead with love and release them *by* love.

Again, to quote, Matthew or Luke – “In the way that you judge, so also shall you be judged”.

Think about the way that you’ve been judged by God. Think about that.

Think about the way that He has dealt with you and the way He has seen you and judged you.

Think about how, for some of you - for 20 years He chased-you-down, pursued you, knocked on your door, called you, until you finally surrendered to His love.

Think about the way that He judged you, think about the way that He did not condemn you.

Think about the way that He sent His only Son to die for you, think about the way He loves you.

And in **that** way, in **that** way, in **that** way – that’s the **ONLY** way.

If it’s ok with you guys I just want to repent again.

Repent for coming under a spirit, or even communing with a spirit, that isn’t the Holy Spirit.

Repent for living in that place and polluting our world with that position that we’ve lived out of, at times.

And ask God to position us, not only with the Holy Spirit in us,

but us under the covering of that Holy Spirit and begin to operate out of that Holy Spirit – to wake up each morning and lay aside, lay aside, lay aside *everything*

and let ONE THING, ONE THING, ONE THING, ONE THING capture our hearts, capture our affection,

let ONE THING.

Let us choose the better thing.

And you guys know what I'm talking about in your own life, in your own heart.
You're not the same as me, I'm not the same as you.
I believe that God is here this morning, and speaking to us.
All through worship, all through what Dad said and hopefully through what I said.

So Lord, we just come before you, and we just acknowledge that You have judged us well.
You have judged us *mercifully* and kindly, and lovingly –
in a way that cost you more than we can understand.
Help us do the same to others. To be the same to others.

And I ask that You, just as You have been blowing through here this morning,
blow-in on the flame that's already in our heart – kindling-afresh, fanning the flame.

I ask that You would continue to do that,
and that *we* would be faithful to do that, not just today, but tomorrow and the next day
and the next day. That *we* would be faithful to fan that flame and to kindle-afresh the gift
that is already inside of us.

So Holy Spirit, we again invite You, we invite You,
we invite You into the place, into our hearts, and into our minds.
And ask that we would just find ourselves inundated by You!
I don't want to just keep coming into His presence on Sunday.
I want His presence to be *in me!* I want to live there.
And I know you guys want to too.
You *need* to live there. You *need* to live there!
People need you, to live there. *People need you*, to have a life that's full of His presence,
full of His Spirit.
I think that's all I have to say. I bless you guys.
Pastor George III

So *stir-up* the Holy Spirit that is within you!
You'll be satisfied with a lesser judgment than that.
Stir-up the Holy Spirit that is within you!
Live – go in this your strength, go in this your strength – stir-up the Holy Spirit that is
within you!

Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creature.
The old things, the old way of looking at things, the old way of thinking about things, are
passed away – behold all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 **Therefore if
anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things
have come. (18) Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through
Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, (19) namely, that God was in Christ
reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has
committed to us the word of reconciliation. (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,**

as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (21) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

A Few Thoughts from Gordie Nenno: [Rock Church]

February 21 Jesus Loves Me

When you don't love yourself you have a hard time accepting love from others. You suspect their motives for showing you affection. What do they want from me? This has caused me to grow up always trying to spot the agenda of others.

Not a good way to be when you are young and vulnerable but now I am quite good at it and can usually see through the bs of political groups and social climbers. Don't think that because you are near the bottom rung that no one would bother to climb over you. Users find ways to use anyone who crosses their path.

Jesus shows us love that is free of that. He doesn't need us for anything other than to love us. He is like the Father in all respects which means Jesus is love. Love needs something to love. He loves all His creation. For those who hear the call of the Holy Spirit and become His it becomes directed love aimed at producing spiritual growth and fruit which pleases Him and us. We become more like Him because of His working in us. He is the potter, we are the clay and our life experiences are His working hands, shaping each of us in just the manner we need. Not to become what we envision for ourselves but rather what He wants us to be.

I love being squished around by the master potter even though at times there is pain because I know that His work is always SUPER and the results are always what He intends.

So, after growing up with little feeling of self worth, I now find myself possessing infinite worth. Not because I have become "worthy" but rather I have become attached to Him who does only good and acts only out of love. He values me and in accepting that, I value myself.

I ask, "Who am I Lord that You love me?" He answers, "You are you."
Gordie